

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

ALBERTO ET AL.

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Title: Preparation of $M(CO)_3$ -Complexes
by Solid Phase Techniques via Metal
Assisted Cleavage from the Solid
Support

) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

) Examiner: Not yet assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

For entry into the U.S. National Stage from the PCT, the above-identified national stage application is concurrently being amended as follows. Claims 11, 14, 18 and 19 are not being entered and are therefore cancelled from examination, no claims are being added, and Claims 1-10, 12-13, 15-17, 20 and 22-23 are being amended. Accordingly, 20 claims (Claims 1-10, 12-13, 15-17, and 20-24) are initially being presented for examination. Of those 20 claims, only three (Claims 1, 15 and 20) are independent. Thus, no filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16(b) & (c) are believed to be due.

The above-mentioned revisions of the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which may be found on pages 2-6 of this correspondence. To assist the Office, a clean copy of the presented claims follows on pages 7-11 of this correspondence.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early notice of allowance is hereby requested. Should the Office believe that a telephone conference would expedite allowance, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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